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2. *Pica pica hudsonica*. AMERICAN MAGPIE.—Two specimens taken at Odessa, near Kingston, in March 1898, are recorded by Dr. C. K. Clarke.<sup>1</sup>

*Corrections to Part I.*

The footnote on p. 450 refers to No. 101.

Page 452, No. 4 of Hypothetical List, the reference to the footnote should be <sup>6</sup> instead of <sup>5</sup>.

Page 452, No. 5 of Hypothetical List, <sup>6</sup> after the word list should be eliminated.

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## TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE Twenty-fourth Annual Congress of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in Washington, D. C., Monday evening, November 12, 1906. The business meeting was held at 'The Portner,' corner of 15th and U Sts., N. W., and the public sessions at the U. S. National Museum, beginning Tuesday, November 13, and continuing three days.

BUSINESS SESSION.—The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Charles F. Batchelder. Twenty-two Fellows were present. The Secretary stated that at the opening of the present Congress the membership of the Union numbered 850, constituted as follows: Fellows, 48; Honorary Fellows, 16; Corresponding Fellows, 60; Members, 73; Associates, 653.

During the year the Union lost sixty-eight members, thirteen by death, thirty-one by resignation, and twenty-four for non-payment of dues. The deceased members include two Honorary Fellows, five Corresponding Fellows, and six Associates, as follows: Dr. Jean Louis Cabanis,<sup>2</sup> of Berlin, who died February 20, 1906, in the 90th year of his age, and Dr. William T. Blanford, of London,

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<sup>1</sup> Auk, XV, 1898, 274.

<sup>2</sup> For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXIII, p. 247.

England, who died June 23, 1905, at the age of 72 years, Honorary Fellows; Emile Oustalet,<sup>1</sup> who died at Saint Cast, France, October 23, 1905, in his 61st year; Dr. Paul Leverkühn,<sup>2</sup> who died December 5, 1905, at Sophia, Bulgaria, in the 39th year of his age; Rev. Henry B. Tristram,<sup>3</sup> who died in Durham, England, March 8, 1906, at the age of 83 years and 10 months; Victor Fatio,<sup>4</sup> who died March 19, 1906, in Geneva, Switzerland, aged 67 years, and Sir Walter Lawry Buller, of London, England, who died July 19, 1906, aged 68 years, Corresponding Fellows; also the following Associates: George F. Breninger,<sup>5</sup> who died December 3, 1905, at Phoenix, Arizona; Frederick C. Paulmier, who died March 3, 1906; La Rue K. Holmes,<sup>6</sup> who died in Summit, N. J., May 10, 1906, in the 24th year of his age; Miss Grace V. Pomeroy, of Summit, N. J., who died May 14, 1906; Andrew J. Lloyd, who died in Brookline, Mass., June 14, 1906, aged 57 years, and Mrs. Julia Stockton Robins,<sup>7</sup> who died in Philadelphia, July 2, 1906.

The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in a satisfactory condition.

All of the officers were reëlected as follows: Charles F. Batchelder, President; E. W. Nelson and Frank M. Chapman, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Jr., Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, A. K. Fisher, Chas. W. Richmond, Thos. S. Roberts, Witmer Stone, and F. A. Lucas, members of the Council.

W. L. Sclater, of Colorado Springs, Col., was elected a Corresponding Fellow; Waldron DeWitt Miller, of New York City, and Arthur T. Wayne, of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., were elected to the class of Members, and the following eighty-four persons were elected Associates, namely:

Miss Edith Allen, Hartford, Conn.; R. C. Andrews, New York City; Frank E. Arnold, Providence, R. I.; Leslie B. Benson, Port Jefferson, N. Y.; W. H. Bingaman, Algona, Iowa; Miss E. D. Boardman, Boston,

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<sup>1</sup> For an obituary notice, see Auk, XXIII, pp. 355, 356.

<sup>2</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, p. 247.

<sup>3</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, p. 484.

<sup>4</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, pp. 484, 485.

<sup>5</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, p. 356.

<sup>6</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, p. 356.

<sup>7</sup> For an obituary notice, see *Ibid.*, XXIII, p. 485.

Mass.; Campbell Bosson, Boston, Mass.; Ernest Boyd, St. Louis, Mo.; Arthur W. Brockway, Hadlyme, Conn.; D. E. Brown, Seattle, Wash.; C. S. Buchanan, New Haven, Mo.; Ernest A. Butler, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Chapin, New Brighton, N. Y.; Rowena A. Clarke, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Lilian Cleveland, West Medford, Mass.; Chas. H. Davis, Saginaw, W. S., Mich.; Miss Elizabeth D. Davis, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mrs. Susan L. Davis, Newton, Mass.; Allen B. Doggett, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. Linfred Dunbar, Bridgeport, Conn.; Alfred Eastgate, Harrisburg, N. D.; Dr. A. F. Eimbeck, New Haven, Mo.; Wm. S. Essick, Reading, Pa.; Douglas Forsyth, New Orleans, La.; Dr. Thos. B. Fitcher, Baltimore, Md.; James P. Garrick, Jr., Weston, S. C.; Stephen S. Gregory, Chicago, Ills.; Alden H. Hadley, Monrovia, Ind.; J. Downey Harvey, San Francisco, Calif.; Rev. Sullivan S. Healey, Pullman, Wash.; Michael F. Henchey, Unionville, Conn.; Carl F. Henning, Boone, Iowa; Stanley G. Jewett, Anthony, Oregon; Miss Anna C. Jonas, Detroit, Mich.; H. Cornelius Judd, Bethel, Conn.; Robert S. Judd, Bethel, Conn.; Clay Judson, Milwaukee, Wis.; Nathaniel T. Kidder, Milton, Mass.; Wm. Kilgore, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.; Ernest Knaebel, Denver, Colo.; J. I. McCain, Due West, S. C.; Alexander Maitland, New York City; John S. Marley, Kansas City, Mo.; Wm. R. Maxon, Washington, D. C.; Prof. L. H. Miller, Los Angeles, Calif.; Clement Moore, Hackensack, N. J.; T. A. Morgan, Morgantown, W. Va.; Mrs. Harriet W. Myers, Garvanza, Calif.; Chauncey C. Nash, Boston, Mass.; C. W. Nash, Toronto, Ont.; Chas. H. Neff, Portland, Conn.; Stanley E. Piper, Washington, D. C.; Wm. G. Pitcairn, Allegheny, Pa.; Adelaide L. Pollock, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Grace L. Poole, Rockland, Mass.; Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, Geneva, Ind.; John H. Price, Knowlton, Montana; James R. Ralph, Minneapolis, Minn.; Malcolm W. Rix, Utica, N. Y.; John T. Roberts, Jr., New York City; Chas. M. Roe, Chicago, Ills.; George A. Sanford, New York City; Herbert R. Sass, Charleston, S. C.; Bowen W. Schumacher, Chicago, Ills.; Joseph S. Seabury, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; George Shumway, Galesburg, Ills.; Dr. Clara Smith, Utica, N. Y.; G. Washbourne Smith, New York City; Byron L. Smith, Chicago, Ills.; Aubrey F. Smithson, Kansas City, Mo.; Gilbert M. Stark, Saginaw, W. S., Mich.; John H. Steele, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. J. L. Sweiger, Waterbury, Conn.; Bennett M. Stigall, Kansas City, Mo.; Caroline M. Stevens, Portland, Me.; Chas. Darwin Test, Golden, Colo.; Harriet W. Thompson, Port Sanilac, Mich.; A. O. Treganzer, Salt Lake City, Utah; Julius T. Volkman, Webster Grove, Mo.; Clarence S. Wadsworth, Middletown, Conn.; Henry A. Ward, Milwaukee, Wis.; B. G. Willard, Millis, Mass.; Mrs. Frank B. Witherbee, West Newton, Mass.; Albert H. Wright, Ithaca, N. Y.

Drs. Allen, Dwight, Merriam and Richmond, and Messrs. Brewster, Ridgway and Stone were reappointed 'Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds.'

Drs. Fisher, Elliot and Roberts, and Messrs. Chapman and Nelson were appointed 'Committee on Bird Protection,' and given authority to coöperate with a similar committee to be appointed by the National Association of Audubon Societies.

The amendments to the By-Laws, proposed at the last Congress of the Union, were adopted. The class known as Members is thereby increased from seventy-five to one hundred, and members are now to be nominated and elected in the same manner as Fellows. Nominations to either class must be made in writing, and each be signed by three Fellows. Such nominations must give the candidates name in full and his residence, and must be delivered to the Secretary at least three months prior to the Stated Meeting at which they are to be acted on.

**PUBLIC SESSIONS.** *First Day.*—The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Batchelder.

The papers read during the morning session were as follows:

'A plea for the Kildeer,' by William Dutcher.

'Where Wild Birds Sleep,' by Mrs. Irene G. Wheelock. Remarks followed by Mr. Chapman.

'Some Experiments with Nesting Birds,' by E. H. Forbush. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'Ornithological Notes from the West,' by Frank M. Chapman. Illustrated by lantern slides.

The only paper of the afternoon was by Wm. L. Finley on 'The Home Life of the California Condor.' Illustrated with lantern slides by H. T. Bohlman and the author. Remarks followed by Dr. Merriam, the author, and Mr. Chapman. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Finley for his interesting and valuable paper.

In the evening the members of the Union, and their friends, met at dinner at the 'Riggs House.' After the dinner an informal reception was held in the parlors of the same hotel.

*Second Day.*—The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nelson.

The papers at the morning session were: 'The Life Zones of New York State as Determined by its Avifauna,' by E. Howard Eaton. Illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks followed by Dr. Merriam, Messrs. Rhoads, Howell, Todd, Dutcher, and the author.

'The Habits of a Young California Condor,' by Wm. L. Finley.

Illustrated with lantern slides by H. T. Bohlman and the author. Remarks followed by Dr. Merriam, and Messrs. Dutcher and Wood.

'An Exhibition of Lantern Slides,' by Wm. L. Bailey, with explanations.

'A Review of the genus *Junco*,' by Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr.

'Summer Bird Life of the Newark, New Jersey, Marshes,' by C. G. Abbott. In the absence of the author the paper was summarized by Mr. Chapman.

The papers presented at the afternoon session were:

'On Horseback Through the Deserts of Lower California,' by E. W. Nelson. Illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks followed by Mr. Chapman.

'Imitation in Bird Music — A Study of Wood Thrushes,' and 'Interesting Bird Songs noted in 1906,' by Henry Oldys.

*Third Day.*— The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nelson.

The papers of the morning session were:

'Present Condition of Gull and Tern Colonies on the Atlantic Coast,' by Wm. Dutcher and B. S. Bowdish. Remarks followed by Prof. T. G. Pearson.

'On the Eastern Forms of *Geothlypis trichas*,' by Frank M. Chapman.

'Delaware Valley Wild Fowl — Past and Present,' by Samuel N. Rhoads.

'Bachman Warbler Breeding in Logan County, Kentucky,' by G. C. Embody.

'The Nest and Eggs of Bachman Warbler taken near Charleston, S. C.,' by Arthur T. Wayne. In the absence of the author it was read in part by Dr. Allen.

'A Question of Right Nomenclature,' by Wm. Palmer. Remarks followed by Dr. Stejneger, Messrs. Bartsch, Dutcher, Bond, Fuertes, Hitchcock, and the author.

'A Species or a Subspecies,' by Wm. Palmer. Remarks followed by Drs. Bishop and Merriam, Mr. Stone, and the author.

The papers of the afternoon, both illustrated by lantern slides, were as follows:

'Trails of a Naturalist in Nevada,' by H. C. Oberholser.

'Notes on Birds,' by Prof. T. G. Pearson.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution for the use of a hall in the U. S. National

Museum for a place of meeting, and for other courtesies extended; to the Local Committee and other Washington members of the Union, and to the Audubon Society of the District of Columbia, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality shown visiting members.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in Philadelphia, commencing December 9, 1907.

JNO. H. SAGE,  
Secretary.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

**Capture of the Glaucous Gull (*Larus glaucus*) in Boston Harbor, Mass.**— On April 23, 1906, while gunning in Boston Harbor, off Quincy, Mass., with Mr. R. R. Freeman, we shot a Glaucous Gull (*Larus glaucus*). The specimen was in slightly immature plumage, having faint brown markings on the back and wings. It was in company with a flock of about four hundred Herring Gulls and especially attracted attention by being the only bird which, in response to calling and the waving of a handkerchief, approached within gunshot. The identification of the specimen was verified by Mr. William Brewster by the examination of one of the wings. — JOHN A. REMICK, JR., *Boston, Mass.*

**Recent Occurrence of the European Teal and the Marbled Godwit near Portland, Maine.**— My collection contains a male European Teal (*Nettion crecca*) which was shot in Casco Bay by a fisherman on April 6, 1903. I had the satisfaction of seeing it before it received the attentions of a taxidermist, thus making perfectly sure that no deception was practised in the case. It is a remarkably beautiful and highly typical specimen. So far as I am aware, it is the first of its kind recorded for this State.

The Great Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) is represented in my collection by a female shot on Scarborough Beach, August 16, 1904, by Mr. George H. Cushman, a game warden. For many years the species has been almost unknown in this locality.— HENRY H. BROCK, *Portland, Me.*

**Baird's Sandpiper at Newfound Lake, Hebron, N. H.**— While on a morning's collecting trip September 4, 1906, on the marshes at the head of Newfound Lake, Hebron, N. H., we obtained a specimen of Baird's